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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 24, 2006.

Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statement on Allowability of the claims includes general paraphrasing of claim language. Applicant submits that the claims should be deemed allowable based on each of their respective recitations.

Applicant submits that the claims include various other aspects that provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statements paraphrase portions of the subject matter of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase summaries included in the Examiner's statement.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by Applicant to date. As emphasized in the

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“Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment dated March 24, 2006.

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